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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Postoffice appropriation bill considered yesterday in the Senate; the House spent most of the day on the Naval appropriation bill. —— Mallory Line steamer City of San Antonio left New York Sunday last and not been sighted. —— M. Loubet was elected President of the republic of France; he received 483 against 279 votes; tumultuous demonstrations were made in Paris against Loubet, but the police and military suppressed the outbreak. —— The flood situation at Richmond, Va., improved; bridges are all safe. —— The radish crop in the Norfolk section is totally destroyed. —— Col. W. J. Bryan lectured on imperialism at Ann Arbor, Mich. —— Skirmishing between Gen. Otis' forces and the Filipinos near Manila continues. —— A family of negroes consisting of a man, wife and four children were drowned in Pee Dee river; S. C., Thursday. —— The constitutional amendment limiting suffrage, passed both houses of the General Assembly at Raleigh; it will be submitted to a vote of the people in August 1901. —— Twenty-one persons killed and a hundred or more injured in a railroad collision in Belgium; no Americans or English among the victims. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent., the last loan being at 2½ per cent.; cotton quiet, middling uplands 6¢.; flour neglected and weak; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 85½c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 44½c; oats—spot steady, No. 2 35½c; rosin quiet; strained common to good $1.30@1.32½; spirits turpentine firm at 46½@47c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 18.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 43 deg.; 8 P.M., 49 deg.; maximum, 54 deg.; minimum, 43 deg.; mean, 48 deg.

Rainfall for the day, 01; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.57.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 35.6 feet and rising.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—For North Carolina fair; light variable winds.

Port Almanac---Feb. 19.

Sun Rises	6.45 A. M
Sun Sets	5.44 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 58 M.
High Water at Southport	3.13 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	5.43 A. M.

A $100,000 whitewash commission is pretty costly whitewash.

The latest freak discovered in Kentucky is a Populist politician without lungs.

They are beginning to fine liars in Chicago. And they have some fine liars to begin on, too.

They are having some more anarchy in Somoa, and it is all about that king job that pays $48.60 a month.

The Philadelphia *Times* wants that Senatorial deadlock broke. Quay will pick the lock or break it if it lasts much longer. He doesn't intend to be locked out.

We are indebted to the Philadelphia *Times* for its almanac for 1899. It is full of valuable statistical and other information comprehensively condensed and conveniently arranged for reference.

Secretary Alger says he did his best in running the War Department. That may be so, but the fault with Alger is that he clung on when there were others who were ready and could do so much better.

The proposed Tin-plate Trust is alleged to have a capital of $400,000,000. From the amount of capital the several hundred Trusts in this country are credited with they must have about all the money in the country.

Secretary Gage says with peaceful conditions the Philippines should produce revenue enough to meet all the necessary expenses and supply money for general improvements. "Peaceful conditions" is a very important proviso.

Miss Thursby's $10,000 parrot is dead. That's the value she set upon it. The remarkable thing about this parrot is not the value set upon it, but that it talked and sang in half a dozen or more languages, including Chinese.

Misfortunes follow some men in rapid succession. The Maryland papers tell of a farmer in that State who three weeks ago lost three children from diphtheria, the next week his barns and stables were burned, and with them his stock, farming implements and grain, and the third week his house burned in the night and he and his wife and remaining child were almost frozen before they reached a neighbor's house.

LOCAL DOTS.

— In the Dockery performance to begin here next Saturday the boomerang will play a prominent part.

— It seems now that the new Board of Aldermen will appoint the members of the Police Commission.

— Just now, the indications are that the Charlotte dispensary bill will pass the House, but will not pass the Senate.

— The "oldest inhabitant" is still chuckling over the great "inning" he had during the recent meteorological melange.

— The second term in the night dancing school of Miss Lord will open to-morrow night at Germania Hall. See advertisement.

— The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held Tuesday night, February 21st, at 8 o'clock. See notice.

— Mr. Andrew J. Howell, Jr., has rented the store No. 105½ Princess street, where he will engage in the book and stationery business about March 1st.

— The schooner *Lois V. Chaples*, Capt. Medero, was cleared by Geo. Harriss, Son & Co., yesterday, for Port-au-Prince, with a cargo of lumber from the Kidder Lumber Co.

— The steamer *E. A. Hawes*, Capt. Black, returned to Clear Run, on Black river, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The *Driver* left Fayetteville Friday night and will arrive here this morning.

— For the week ending yesterday only two marriage licenses were issued, one to a white couple and one to a colored couple; the latter being issued yesterday to W. S. Livingston and Rebecca Sneed.

— There was no spirits turpentine for sale at the local quotations, 43½ to 44 cents yesterday. Sellers asked 44½ to 45 cents, but there were no purchasers. There were receipts of only one cask yesterday.

— Many friends of Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., rector of St. John's Church, will be glad to learn that he has recovered sufficiently from his recent sickness to begin to-day the usual Lenten services in that church.

— During the past two days the roadway on Princess street, between Front and Second, has been an awful object lesson to those who favor contracting a debt of $50,000 for the improvement of roads outside the city.

— A young white man was recently sentenced to fifteen days in jail, in Richmond, for stealing a copy of the *Dispatch* from a subscriber's doorway. A dose or two of this sort of medicine would have a good effect in Wilmington.

— The tug *Alexander Jones*, Capt. Adkins, from Ocracoke for Port Royal, S. C., with rock-crusher No. 3, belonging to P. Sandford Ross & Co., which put in at Southport in distress several days ago, passed out yesterday morning.

— As was announced in yesterday's STAR, Rev. David Macrae, of Dundee, Scotland, will fill the usual Sunday forenoon appointment of Rev. A. D. McClure, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church this morning. The public is cordially invited.

— Sheriff MacRae and Register of Deeds Biddle say that there are yet quite a large per cent. of the merchants who have neglected to pay their Schedule B tax, and that if they are not paid immediately a forcible collection will have to be made,

— Attention is directed to the annual report of the Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association, which is published in the advertising columns of to-day's STAR. The report is an excellent one and reflects more than usual credit upon the officers who have had the management of its financial affairs.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. F. Parker—Brass beds.
A. D. Brown—Spring specials.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Big Racket.
M. H. Curran—Geo. W.'s tailor.
D. L. Gore—Cross-cut cigarettes.
S. W. Sanders.—Two days only.
Vllocrs & Hashagen—Provisions.
St. Paul's E. L. Church—Meeting.
Williams Bros.—Heavy groceries.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Typewriters.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Spring goods.
King Grocery Co.-Anything needed
Johnson & Fore—Dissolution sale.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.
Opera House—Rentfrow's Stock Co.
Abbie Chadbourn Hall—"An Accidental Courtship."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Nickel spectacles.
Miss Lord—Dancing school.
P. H. Hayden—Buggies, harness.
Love & Flynn—Shippers, attention.

A Home Wedding.

On the evening of February 14th, at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. E. VanOrsdell, in this city, Miss Virginia Lee VanOrsdell was married to Mr. Adam Sewell Trezevant, of South Carolina; Bishop A. A. Watson performing the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of the late C. M. VanOrsdell, for many years one of Wilmington's most popular citizens. The groom is a member of a prominent South Carolina family, and a prosperous young farmer, residing near Fort Motte. The happy couple were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents. They left Friday for their home in South Carolina and carry with them the cordial good wishes of hosts of friends.

NEW DEPARTURE IN WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOLS.

"Tileston Topics," Issued Monthly, Will Give Class and Society Organizations and Entertainments.

A new departure in Wilmington High School circles, and one, too, which gives abundant promise of quickening interest and brightening enthusiasm in the special school work, is the issuing from month to month, of admirably arranged pamphlets, entitled "Tileston Topics," giving the various class organizations and the programmes for the literary and other entertainments to be given during that month. The one for February is just being issued, but in the future they will be out by the first of each month.

On the last page of the pamphlet is a list of the famous authos, inventors, statesmen and others whose birthdays occur during the month. Exercises bearing upon the life and work of these characters are arranged for their respective birthdays.

These monthly pamphlets are issued jointly by the classes and societies of the High School, the organization and February entertainments by several of whom have already been published in the colums of the STAR.

The class of 1902 will on Wednesday of this week celebrate Washington's birthday with a very interesting programme. Miss Mary Thompson will discuss "Washington and His Mother;" M. Seigfried Goodman will present "Washington as a Young Man;" Miss Mary Payne, "Martha Washington," and Eddie Schulken will recite Washington's Farewell Address. The exercises will close with the chorus, "Mount Vernon Bells."

On Friday afternoon the achievements of Galileo and Copernicus will be discussed in a public entertainment by the "Class of '02." The speakers will be Miss Emma Morton, Miss Louise Van Laer, Miss Irene Peterson, Christopher Pierce, George Lynch and David Holt.

Also on Friday of this week the Lambda Delta Society will give an interesting entertainment devoted to the study of Peabody and Lowell. Miss Seigfried Goodman, Miss Alice Craft, Miss Irene Peterson, Miss Lucy McIntosh and Miss May Galloway are among those to take part in the exercises bearing upon Peabody, the philanthropist.

During the portion of the entertainment devoted to Lowell, Miss Worth will recite "The Vision of Sir Launcelote;" Miss Gertrude B. Bryan will read a sketch of Lowell's life, and Miss Martha Keen will recite. There will be music by Miss Bessie Montgomery.

While these exercises are not open to the general public, still the parents of pupils and friends of the school are invited to attend.

TWO OPEN AIR CONCERTS.

To-morrow by the Concert Band and Orchestra of "The Jolly Pathfinders."

At noon to-morrow on the Market street plaza, the splendid Silver Cornet Band and Opera Orchestra of "Rentfrows' Jolly Pathfinders" will give a free open air concert, rendering a number of popular airs and standard orchestral selections. And again to-morrow evening in front of the Opera House there will be another open air free concert.

As heretofore announced, the "Jolly Pathfinders" will begin a solid week's engagement at the Opera House to-morrow night, rendering as their initial play the popular musical comedy "The Lightning Express." Ladies will be admitted free to-morrow night when accompanied by a person having a paid reserve seat ticket, which should be secured from Gerkens before 6 P. M.

Supreme Chancellor is Coming.

In a letter to Mr. William C. Smith, received several days ago, Mr. Thos. G. Sample, Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias for the entire world, writes that he will visit the lodges in Wilmington in the early part of next week and will remain here for two days; in fact, so far as he is able to determine now, he will be here to-day week, Sunday, 26th inst.

Pythianism has a remarkably strong foothold in Wilmington and Mr. Sample's visit will be one of great interest and profit to the local brotherhood. Mr. Sample will arrive here from Charlotte, at which place he will also spend a couple of days with the lodges in that city.

These Boys "Beat The Band."

John Garrell, Charlie Craig and George Tilley, three of Wilmington's amateur sportsmen, returned yesterday afternoon from a hunt in Brunswick county with the biggest string of birds seen here for many a day. The total count was 265, embracing wild ducks, partridges, woodcock, snipe, doves, robins and blackbirds, a very large proportion being game birds. They went over to Brunswick Friday and began their work about 3 o'clock P. M., shooting until nearly dark. Stopping over night on the Atkinson plantation, they resumed operations yesterday and bagged birds until they got tired.

Daughters of Confederacy.

There will be an important meeting of the local chapter Daughters of the Confederacy in their assembly room at the W. L. I. armory to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. A full attendance is requested, as some important arrangements are to be made for the annual exercises on Memorial Day.

CONGRESSIONAL CONTEST.

Dockery to Take Testimony Here Next Saturday—Has Only Five Days for the Whole District.

The first act in the roaring farce entittled "Oliver H. Dockery, Contestant," will be presented in this city next Saturday, as will be seen by the following notice served on Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy yesterday:

CONGRESSIONAL CONTEST.

Oliver H. Dockery, Contestant, vs. Jno. D. Bellamy, Contestee—Fifty-sixth Congress—Sixth District of North Carolina.

To Jno. D. Bellamy, Contestee, Wilmington, N. C.:

SIR:—You will take notice that I will proceed to take testimony in the above entitled cause in the Federal Court room, in the U. S. Postoffice building, Wilmington, before T. E. Wallace, a Notary Public, beginning at 9 o'clock A. M., on Saturday, 25th day of February, 1899, and continuing from day to day if necessary. I will examine the following witnesses, namely:

Jas. G. Blain, J. S. W. Eagles, Jack Moore, Lewis Guyer, Joseph Anderson, Willis Richardson, B. A. Moore, J. C. Williams, Jno. G. Norwood, C. W. Norwood, John Whitehead, Jos. Scarboro, David Bryant, Joseph Mc Farland, Robt. Simmons, J. J. Guyer, Fred Guyer, Alex Rhone, Calvin Bell, Jno. D. Franklin, George Littleton, E. M. Green, J. A. Sharpe, Watson McNeill, J. W. Murchison, William Perdew, Marcus W. Jacobi, Joseph Jacobi, Owen F. Love, F. W. Kerchner, Wm. E. Springer, C. D. Foard.

This, the 18th day of February, 1899. OLIVER H. DOCKERY,
Per OSCAR J. SPEARS, Attorney.

Of the thirty-three witnesses named in the foregoing list there are, we believe, nine white Democrats and twenty-four negroes, and the striking feature is the fact that the name of not one white Republican appears in the list. Why is this? Have the white Republicans all turned Democrats? Or is Col. Dockery's attorney afraid of their testimony?

But another remarkable feature of this so-called contest, is the fact that Dockery will have but five days in which to take his direct evidence in the entire district. The law governing these contest is very plain. After notice of contests is served on the contestee the latter serves his answer on the contestant, who is allowed forty days from date of service of answer to take testimony. Then the contestee is allowed forty days to take testimony and the contestant has ten days in which to take evidence in rebuttal.

As Bellamy's answer was served on Dockery on the 21st of January, Dockery's forty days will expire on the 2nd of March, or five days from next Saturday, when his first witness will be examined. There is no provision in the law for any extension of the time allowed for direct evidence. So, Dockery must be content with what he can do in five days; Bellamy will then have forty days, and Dockery can follow with ten days for testimony in rebuttal.

This statement of facts indicates very strongly that Dockery is engaged in a hopeless struggle, so far as any contest is concerned, and that his real object is to manufacture "campaign thunder" for the Republican Congressional Committee.

REMARKABLE CATCH OF FISH.

New River Trout Were Easily Caught by Thousands After the Recent Freeze.

A gentleman who returned to the city yesterday afternoon from Jacksonville, Onslow county, reports some remarkably large catches of trout that were made in New River below Jacksonville after the unprecedented cold weather of the early part of the week.

He says that there were on a conservative estimate at least 15,000 on the landings at Jacksonville Friday, varying in weight from three to fifteen pounds each. They were brought to Jacksonville in boats and were sold in quantities as low as four cents each, taking the lots as they came. A large quantity of them were brought to Wilmington yesterday and the dealers found ready sale for them at 25 to 75 cents each. There were also quite heavy shipments made to the Northern markets via Newbern and via Wilmington.

Fishermen say the trout were benumbed by the cold and were easily scooped up in dip nets and some were even caught by hand.

"An Accidental Courtship."

"An Accidental Courtship," the entertainment which was to have been given on last Monday night in Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall at the First Presbyterian Church, and which was postponed on account of the severe weather, will be given Tuesday evening, February 21st. The event is for the benefit of the Sunday school library fund, and after extended preparations promises to be quite a success. The "Courtship" will be the leading feature on the programme, and in addition to this there will be recitations by Miss Worth and a vocal solo by Mrs. W. L. Latta. Refreshments will be served, and all those who have kindly consented to help out in this way are requested to bring or send them to the hall between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Rare Musical Entertainment.

The entertainment by the Louise Brehany Concert and Ballad Company last night in the auditorum of the Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the Entertainment Committee, thoroughly pleased a large and representative audience. Indeed, it is safe to say that no troupe of musical artists who have visited Wilmington this season will be more pleasantly remembered as rendering a really high class concert than will the Brehany Co.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. H. Jennings, of Fayetteville, is registered at The Orton.

— Mr. Oscar Lewis, of Charlotte, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

— Dr. L. L. Ardrey, of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

— Mr. E. T. Pullen was down from Rocky Point yesterday on a business trip.

— Mr. Neill McKinnon has returned from a visit to Red Spring and Fayetteville.

— Mr. E. C. Clark, of Elizabethtown, is in the city, making purchases of the wholesale dealers.

— Mr. Jno. Wallace, of Long Creek, was in the city yesterday and called at the STAR office.

— Mr. J. H. Mason, a popular travelling man, is in the city on one of his periodical business visits.

— Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Love have returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Fayetteville and in Robeson county.

— Miss Sallie Davis, of Marion, S. C., is spending some time in the city, the guest of her uncle, Mr. J. F. Garrell, No. 404 North Third street.

— Mr. W. Morgan, of the New York office of the American Cotton Oil Co., is in the city on business connected with the cotton seed oil mill here.

— Raleigh *Post*: "Messrs. Geo. H. Harriss, Jr., Iredell Meares, J. N. Craig, T. M. Morse and W. A. Snell, of Wilmington, are at the Yarboro."

— Mr. W. J. Martin, of the STAR local staff, left yesterday morning on a visit to Winston. What "Billy" will say to the bewitching girls of that town will be "a plenty."

— Rev. Dr. Robert Strange has returned from a two weeks' visit to points in Virginia and North Carolina and will conduct the services at St. James' Episcopal Church to-day.

— Miss Mary F. Marsh, a talented young lady who has been teaching school near Phœnix, spent Friday night in Wilmington and left yesterday morning, via the A. and Y., for her home near Fayetteville.

FAYETTEVILLE SHOPS WILL BE CLOSED.

Conference of Fayetteville Board of Trade and City Officials With General Manager Kenly.

The Fayetteville papers of Friday afternoon publish particulars of a conference which was held in that city in the afternoon, by Mr. J. R. Kenly, General Manager of the Atlantic Coast Line system, with a committee from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and city officials, recently appointed to confer with Mr. H. Walters with reference to the retention of the C. F. & Y. V. shops in that city and generally to look after the interests of Fayetteville in the premises.

The *Observer's* report of the conference says:

Mr. Kenly explained that he came instead of Mr. Walters to keep the latter's engagement with the committee, because of Mr. Walters' unavoidable absence.

Mr. Kenly exhibited the kindliest feeling for our people and the town generally, and declared that he had never had a more disagreeable duty to perform than that which the business interests of those whom he represented required him to do—viz: to order the closing of the shops, which would take place to-morrow night. The committee had hoped that the company would find it to be to its interest to retain and even to enlarge the shops in view of the fact that Fayetteville was the hub of a wheel from which five railway spokes radiated. Mr. Kenly replied that the costly shops at Wilmington, Rocky Mount and Florence were ample for the whole system and were near enough to Fayetteville for all requirements. He added, however, that his company was resolved to do everything they could to build up Fayetteville—as, indeed, it was their interest to do in the case of all places which supplied business for their roads. He also declared that it was their purpose to take care of every C. F. & Y. V. employe whom they could. Preference would, of course, be given to their own men where there had to be a choice and other things being equal.

Mr. Kenly stated that the freight business of all the roads would be consolidated at the present Atlantic & Yadkin depot, but that, for the present at least, the passenger stations would remain as before.

Death of Mrs. Patrick Glavin.

Mrs. Ellen Glavin, wife of Mr. Patrick Glavin, died at her home in this city, No. 312 Walnut street, at 12:30 o'clock this morning in the 68rd year of her age. Mrs. Glavin suffered a stroke of paralysis some months ago, and about three months ago she suffered a second stroke from which she never rallied. A bereaved husband, three sons, Messrs. D. J. and H. P. Glavin, of Elizabeth City, and Mr. E. C. Glavin, of Wilmington, and two daughters, one of which is Mrs. J. L. Mann, of Washington, D. C., survive her, and have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in the sad loss they have sustained.

The absent members of the family have been notified of the death and will arrive to-day or to-morrow, for the funeral which will be held Tuesday.

Weekly Police Record.

For the week ending last night 15 arrests were made by the police officers, 6 of the number being white and 9 colored. The offences for which they were arrested are tabulated as follows: Drunk and disorderly, 6; disorderly conduct, 4; drunk and down, 3; throwing stones in the street, 1, and assault and battery 1.

LIMITING SUFFRAGE.

Amendment to the Constitution Adopted by Both Houses of the General Assembly.

TO BE VOTED UPON IN 1901.

At the State Election in August of That Year—Bills Introduced in the House. Bill to Fund Indebtedness of Wilmington Passed 2d Reading.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C. February 18.—Little was done in the Senate to-day besides pass the suffrage amendment to the constitution.

Speeches were made by Senators Glenn, Collie, McIntire, Travis, Campbell, Robinson, Hicks, and Fuller (colored.)

Senator Goodwin offered as an amendment to the constitution amendment, "that should the amendment be adopted by popular vote, then all persons who may thereby be deprived of the right of suffrage shall be exempt from all civil and military duties and from poll tax." This was lost, by a vote of 42 to 6. The vote on passage of the amendment was also 42 to 6.

Only one bill was introduced to-day. It was to work convicts on roads in Franklin county.

Bills passed their third reading: To incorporate the North and South Carolina Railway. To incorporate Hoffman. To incorporate Ohio River and Franklin Railway. To amend the charter of Goldsboro.

In the House.

Bills were introduced, as follows: To incorporate the Bank of Wadesboro. To prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons by soldiers. By Rountree, to amend Chapter 194, Acts 1893, as to New Hanover and Pender, regarding the ferry over Northeast river; also, to amend Section 1964 of the Code, in regard to the refusal of railways to receive and forward freight. To except beds of floatable and other navagable streams from entry. To provide for working Cumberland's roads by taxation. To allow Wake county to have two additional county commissioners.

A bill was passed authorizing the Printing Committee to give out the public printing to the lowest bidder. This, it is understood, means it will go to Nash Bros., at Goldsboro, who have been offering to do the printing for 16½ per cent. less than the price named in the bill.

The next bill taken up was to establish a Bureau of Labor and Printing, under charge of a commissioner, with the assistance of a practial printer. This was a pendant to the printing bill. The Democratic caucus will select the commissioner. The salary of the commissioner was reduced to $1,200, and the assistant from $900 to $700, and the appropriation from $3,500 to $3,000.

The machinery act was introduced and ordered printed, and the Revenue bill was made the special order for Tuesday noon.

The bill making an appropriation of $16,000 for the State Guard is the special order for Wednesday, and consideration of the Insurance bill, creating the office of Insurance Commissioner, is set for Thursday.

Bills were passed: To establish a dispensary at Clayton. To allow Tarboro to establish water works and sewerage and electric lights ($40,000 for former and $10,000 for latter). To establish a dispensary at Charlotte. To provide for working roads of Cumberland county by taxation.

Willard's bill to fund indebtedness of Wilmington passed second reading.

Bill to establish a dispensary at Greensboro will be reported favorably.

The new county of Scotland has presented Speaker Connor with a handsome gold pen. On it is inscribed, "Scotland, 1899, Connor."

The question of a dispensary for Raleigh will be considered at a meeting to be held to-morrow afternoon at the Academy of Music.

[By Associated Press.]

RALEIGH, N. C., February 18.—An amendment to the constitution of North Carolina, limiting suffrage, has been adopted by both branches of the General Assembly. It passed the House yesterday by a vote of 81 to 27, and the Senate to-day by a vote of 41 to 6. It will be submitted to a vote of the people in August, 1901, at the same time State officers are voted for.

The avowed object of the amendment is to eliminate the ignorant negro vote. To do this educational, property and poll tax qualifications are prescribed. But this is made ineffective as to white people by the further provision that any person can vote who was entitled to vote on January 1, 1867, or any time prior thereto, or whose ancestors were so entitled to vote.

One Woman Cuts Another.

Anna Lewis and Betsey Mills, two disreputable colored women, engaged in a personal difficulty in one of the "dives" in "Paddy's Hollow" last night about 10 o'clock with the result that the Lewis woman was quite seriously cut with a razor about the neck and head by the Mills woman. Policeman George and Guy, who were on duty in that section of the city, were on the scene soon after the affray occurred, but the guilty party succeeded in making her escape. Both women live in "Brooklyn."

Pointers For "The Boys."

Virginia-Carolina Chemical stock is quoted in Richmond at 119½ for preferred and 78 for common. Atlantic Coast Line of Va., A, 135; B, 125. Raleigh and Gaston, 69 bid, 85 asked. Seaboard and Roanoke, first and second preferred, 170 bid.

Washingtons's Birthday

should be celebrated in the home circle with something for the table that is a little out of the ordinary as a holiday offering to George's memory, and to the business man that has time to relax and enjoy his dinner with unusual gusto. Anything that is needed in the line of Fancy or Staple Groceries that you provide from our stock of pure food will be relished. Try our Banquet and Graham Wafers, Favorite Milk Lunch and Butter Thin in one pound packages at 15c each.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,
B. F. KING, MANAGER.
'Phone 387. Fourth Street Bridge.
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AUGUSTA AND THE A. C. L.

A Large Purchase of Real Estate in the City Supposed to be for Railroad Terminals.

The STAR announced several days ago that Attorney Joseph R. Lamar, of the Charleston and Western Carolina Railroad—a branch line of the A. C. L.—had purchased five blocks of city property in Augusta, Ga., and that the presumption in Augusta was that the property had been bought for the purpose of establishing a terminus for the A. C. L. at that place. It was also stated at the time that prominent officials of the road would neither deny nor confirm the report.

The following from the Augusta, (Ga.) *Chronicle* of Friday, 17th inst., will be interesting reading in this connection:

One of the biggest real estate deals in Augusta for many a day and one that is of vast importance to the city was closed yesterday.

By it five blocks of city property changed hands and the sum involved is $30,000.

Mr. Joseph R. Lamar is the purchaser of the property, but further than this all is surmise.

The surmise however has a very reasonable basis to rest upon.

Mr. Lamar is attorney for the Charleston and Western Carolina railway. The C. & W. C. is owned by the Atlantic Coast Line. The Atlantic Coast Line is building a connection from Denmark, where it at present connects with the South Carolina and Georgia road to Robbins on the Port Royal and Augusta branch of the C. and W. C. These are facts well known to the public. When the connection is completed it will be seen that the Atlantic Coast Line will enter Augusta on its own tracks instead of via the South Carolina and Georgia, as at present.

The Atlantic Coast Line always works for the upbuilding of the interests along its roads. The C. W. & C. part of its system is so vitally concerned in Augusta's welfare that what helps the C. & W. C. is bound to help Augusta and what helps Augusta is bound to benefit the C. & W. C.

Augusta may well celebrate the arrival of the Atlantic Coast Line trains over its own track, and the day should be made a memorable one in its festal annals.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

EDITOR STAR.—The Street Car Conductors and Mortormen desire to publicly express, through the columns of the STAR, their heartfelt thanks to Mrs. James Sprunt for her kindness during the recent cold weather, in serving to them hot coffee, lunches, etc. This great kindness will long be remembered and is greatly appreciated by us, and it is only just that the public should know of this generous act of Mrs. Sprunt.

Yours, Very Truly,
JOSEPH A. BLACK,
Street Car Conductor.

One of Daniel's Heroes.

That Napoleonic hero negro, Lieutenant "Sink" Holmes, late of Retribution Russell's Rantankerous Rangers, was in Raleigh Friday, and is probably there now. He is certainly not in Wilmington. He made haste, of course, to call on his ex-hell-ency, to whom he is indebted for the distinguished military title he bore, to say nothing of pay and perquisites. The rumor that "Sink" went to Raleigh to get "de Gubner" to accompany him to Wilmington as a body-guard is not generally credited here.

Not Much Difference.

It sometimes comes high to ship goods by Express. In an emergency, caused by the stoppage of steamers and trains from Baltimore, during the recent freeze, the STAR ordered a small lot of paper by Express from that city. The paper cost $8.50. TheE xpress charges were $8.30. "Blessed Tony!" as the lamented Wm. A. Wright used to say.

MARRIED.

VANORSDELL—TREZEVANT—In this city, Tuesday evening, February 14th, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. E. VanOrsdell, by Right Rev. A. A. Watson, Miss VIRGINIA LEE VANORSDELL to Mr. ADAM SEWELL TREZEVANT, of Fort Motte, S. C.

DIED.

GLAVIN—At her home in this city this morning at 12:30 o'clock, Mrs. ELLEN, beloved wife of Patrick Glavin, aged 63 years. Funeral notice later.

Richmond and Chicago papers please copy.

MCILHENNY—In this city at 12:30 this (Sunday) morning, Miss LISA DUDLEY McILHENNY, eldest daughter of Col. T. C. McIlhenny

Funeral from St. John' Church, Sunday, 3.30 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—The regular Convocation will be held Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

fe 19 1t W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.

Congregational Meeting.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held Tuesday night, February 21, 1899, at 8 o'clock in the Memorial building of the church.

H. L. VOLLERS,
fe 19 1t Secretary.

Brass Beds, Solid Brass.

ENAMEL BEDS, (genuine Enamel). Antique Oak, Golden Oak, Mahogany, and White Enamel Dressers, Washstands and Chiffoniers. The finest ever shown in this city.

Sideboards, Dining Tables and Chairs in Golden and Antique Oak.

N. F. PARKER,
Furniture and Furniture Novelties,
fe 19 tf 17 South Front street.

Dissolution Sale of Johnson & Fore,
No. 111 Market Street.
COMMENCES MONDAY
The 20th Inst.
THE ENTIRE STOCK
Without Reserve,
Will Be
Sold at Cost
For Cash.
fe 19 tf

Vollers & Hashagen,
Wholesale Provisioners.
Just Received Consignment 600 Pounds Good Color and Sweet
Mountain Butter.
Will sell at previous to Blizzard Prices. First comers get the choicest. Also,
1800 Pounds Best Creamery Butter
at less than New York prices. Along with this goes the
Best Brand of Flour,
It will increase your trade and hold what you already have. Just a trial order to convince; if not so, you don't have to pay for it. Trade can't do without it in this town.
Use "Squire's Small Square Cut Bellies." None Better.
fe 19 tf Nutt street, A. C. L. Crossing.

Heavy and Fancy Groceries.
We have just received a large and select stock, which we offer to the trade at close figures: Flour, Salt, Molasses, Coffee, Tobacco, Snuff, Bacon, Lard, Soaps, Meal, Rice, Bagging, Ties, Nails, Oysters, Peaches, Cakes, Cheese, Corn Beef, Baking Powders, Teas, Cheroots, Cigarettes, Tomatoes, etc. In fact,
Everything kept in a First-class Grocery Store.
WRITE FOR QUOTATIONS.
WILLIAMS BROS.,
Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants.
fe 18 tf

OPERA HOUSE.
One Week Commencing Monday Night, Feb. 20.
Rentfrow's Big Stock Co.,
The Jolly Pathfinders.
Prize Ideal Silver Cornet Band and Operatic Orchestra, presenting a repertoire of all new dramas and comedies. Monday night the musical comedy drama,
"The Lightning Express."
Popular Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents.
Ladies free on Monday night if accompanied by an escort holding a paid 30 cent ticket.
fe 17 3t

Cross Cut Cigarettes.
50,000 Cross Cut Cigarettes.
50,000 A. B. and Cycle Cigarettes.
10,000 Holly's Celebrated Cigars.
8,000 Lbs. Tobacco, Jobs and Standard Brands.
1,200 Kegs Nails.
1,700 Barrels Flour.
500 cases Lye, Star, Mendleson and Thompson.
100 Bbls. Seed Potatoes, Different Varieties.
700 Bus. R. P. Oats, Texas,
and quantities of other Groceries. Also large lot Fertilizers. Ask for prices.
D. L. GORE,
fe 19 tf

The Entertainment
"Accidental Courtship."
Which was to be given at Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall, on Monday evening, February 13th, and which was postponed on account of the snow storm, will be given
Tuesday Evening, February 21.
Those who promised Refreshments will please send them to the Hall between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock, Tuesday evening. fe 19 1t

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday, $5.00 year, $2.50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days, $1.75; three days, $2.50; four days, $3.00; five days, $3.50; one week, $4.00; two weeks, $6.50; three weeks, $8.50; one month, $10.000; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40.00; twelve month, $60.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square.

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All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops Picnics, Society Meetings, Political meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, will be charged as advertisements.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

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Notices of Marriage or Death. Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

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Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 19.

SUBJUGATING TO CIVILIZE.

One of the pretences advanced to justify the forcible holding of the Philippines is that an obligation has been thrust upon us by the course of events which we could not foresee, an obligation which we are compelled to assume and to faithfully discharge. The destiny of those islands and their people, the expansionists say, is now in our keeping and it is a duty we owe to those semi-savages to rule them, to protect them from themselves, to civilize them, and make their lot a better one than it has been. This is "the white man's burden," as Rudyard Kipling puts it—to lift the yellow man, the black man and the off-color man up to the white man's plane.

That will do for the dream of the poet, but it is either nonsense or fraud, for that thing has never been done, never will be done and, what is more, no conquering nation has ever seriously attempted it. Take the world and the history of conquest, with very rare if any exceptions, has been a history of plunder and oppression, which did not depend upon the color of the skin or the difference of race. Where there is the power and the opportunity to plunder there will always be found those who are unscrupulous enough to seize the opportunity and work it for all it is worth.

Not to go back to early ages, when the sword of the conqueror was the supreme law, and there was little or no moral law to stand in its way or hold it in restraint, what does history record when the superior has come into conflict or contact with the inferior race? At one time by the right of discovery or conquest Spain controlled a large part of the continent of North America, all of South America and of the islands in the adjacent seas. What did she do for the natives? Both the Aztecs of Mexico and the Incas of Peru were civilized people, had governments that in some respects were superior to the governments of the most enlightened countries of this day. Their people were much better cared for than were the people, at least the so-called common people, of the conquering country. Did Spain civilize and elevate them? She civilized and elevated by exterminating the best of them and making helots of the rest, and to this day after a lapse of four centuries the descendants of their natives, with their various admixtures are the helots of the descendants of the Spaniards with their various admixtures. And yet Spain was the most civilized, the most enlightened and the most Christianized of nations in the day of her power and glory.

This is a civilized, Christian country, and what have we done in the way of elevating the Indians who once possessed and roamed at will over the land that we live upon? Have we civilized them? We have simply shot them away from it, driven them far enough away not to interfere with the white man, and given them, or what is left of them, a refuge on so-called reservations, which will be taken from them when the white man concludes that he needs them.

The British flag flies over 300,000,000 of people in India. Great Britain rules them. She has ruled them for three hundred years. Have these Indian subjects been elevated, has their condition been bettered? They are simply tribute-payers in one form or another to Great Britain and are kept down by a British army, composed of men of the British Isles and of natives officered by these white men. After three hundred years of humane, beneficent British rule, the British government has not sufficiently won those people to trust the native soldiers with officers of their own blood. Some of the darkest pages of England's history are the heartless plunder and oppression of the people of her Indian dependencies, where her representatives robbed by the million and some of them in a few years made fabulous fortunes by the extortions they practiced and their plundering devices to bring money into their own money chests.

Great Britain sent her flag into South Africa, planted it, and established her colonies. What has she done for the African? Has he been civilized or elevated? Is he any better off than he was when running a naked savage in the jungles? His condition as a savage under savage rulers of his own blood was really better than it is to-day under his Christain masters, who find little use for him but to do the drudgery that the white man will not perform. The white man may have prospered in Africa but it has been at the expense of the black man, who must get out of the way of the white man there as the Indian has had to get out of his way on this continent.

Possibly we may be a little more humane to the natives of the Philippines than our ancestors were to the aborigines of this country, or than the Spaniards were to the aborigines they found in the countries they discovered and conquered, or than the Britons were to the natives of India and of Africa, where they planted their flag; but they will be our victims all the same, and will be ruled for our benefit and not for their good. The intentions of our government may be humane, we may draft paternal systems of government for them, but the adventurer and the plunderer will find a field for their operations, and by various schemes and devices they will squeeze the marrow out of those people, and they will have influence enough with the governing powers to do it with impunity, if they be not favored and actually encouraged in it. "Semi-savages" do not count when they come into contact with enlightened, civilized conquerors.

That's the history of conquest through all the ages, and that will be the history of the Philippines under American rule, in spite of all this hypocrital talk and pretence of elevating them by our beneficient rule. Such pretence is nonsense, if not worse, for the tie that binds the conqueror to the conquered is the tie of self-interest and gain, and humane, benevolent considerations never weigh against these.

MULTUM IN PARVO.

In a cabled interview to the New York *Herald* Admiral Dewey is quoted as saying: "I should say that the backbone of the insurrection has been broken, but with this race you can never tell." Admiral Dewey doubtless knows that race about as well as any of our people, and when he adds the words "but with this race you can never tell" he crowds into it a bookful of meaning. He never would have given expression to the doubt that is contained in these words if he had seriously thought that our work of crushing the "insurrection"—which, by the way, is not an insurrection—was done or in a fair way of being done.

He once said that the jurisdiction of the United States reached as far inland as his "flat irons" could throw a shot on shore, and now it reaches only so far as his ships and the artillery on land can throw a shot. The coast towns and the narrow strip which is covered by our guns submit to the inevitable, but the interior is in the possession of the people who dispute our authority, and most certainly up to this time show no disposition to yield or acknowledge themselves overcome. For a broken back "insurrection" it shows an astonishing amount of vitality and agility.

If there were but few people scattered over those numerous islands, it would be different, but there are millions of those people who know nothing about us or about the resources against which they are fighting. They are united, as far opposition to us is concerned, and it will be exceedingly difficult to persuade them that the "backbone of the insurrection is broken," and Admiral Dewey evidently does not believe it, or he never would have used the expression to which we here refer.

CANNED BEEF, &C.

This country has learned a good deal more about canned beef, refrigerated beef, etc., than it ever knew before or would probably ever have learned if there had not been a Cuban war. However it may be with refrigerated beef, canned beef has had some pretty hard blows, from which it will take it a good while to recover, if it ever does fully recover, for people who can do without it will not rush to buy stuff from which the best substance has been cooked out in soup pots, and for various other preparations, before it is roasted and put in the cans. These facts, if they be facts, as alleged, will be enough to send the canned stuff to the rear even if there were no deleterious chemicals or acids used in putting it up.

There was a good deal of evidence on this subject before the Investigation Commission, but it seems to have ignored everything that reflected on the beef, and reported that it was "good and wholesome." The members of the Cabinet even sampled a can of it, smacked their lips and pronounced it "good." But that wasn't some of the left over stock from the army supplies.

The Court of Inquiry has started in for business and doubtless by the time it gets through the country's stock of information on the beef question will be added considerably to, whether it learns much more about beef that smells or not. It is to be hoped, however, that the pending investigation will be a thorough and an honest one, for this is due not only to Gen. Miles, whose charges led to the first investigation and to the second, but to the soldiers, to whom it was shipped, and to the beef packers whose business has been seriously affected by it

COST OF PRODUCING COTTON.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has been pursuing investigations as to the cost of producing cotton in this country, and finds that it costs an average of $15.42 an acre and at current prices sells at $19.03 an acre, leaving the planter a profit of $3.61 per acre. This is a very small profit, and it would not be a difficult matter to find a great many things that would pay better than that and with less labor, too. This cost can be reduced, but the only way to do it is by building up the land and making it more productive, so that a smaller number of acres will produce a greater quantity of cotton.

When we get down to the bottom of this thing the question is not so much how the planter can raise the price of the staple as how he can reduce the cost of producing it, for his profits, after all, depend not so much on what he gets for his cotton, as on what it costs him to make it. He can never get down to the bed work of this cost until he adopts diversifisd farming by which he may grow crops that will not only pay him for his labor, but will also enrich his land, make it productive and avoid the expense of commercial fertilizers, or at least very materially reduce it, and at the same time lessen the amount of labor necesary to produce the cotton crop. It is easier and cheaper to cultivate one acre of rich land than it is to cultivate three acres of poor land.

The Washington *Post* discusses "Our Diplomacy in the Orient." Our diplomacy in the Orient consists principally of rifles and other shooting things.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— With the thermometer ranging below zero throughout a wide extent of the United States multitudes of the American people are learning by bitter experience what is meant by a duty of one hundred per cent. on woolen clothing.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

——It seems to be impossible for the Congress of the United States to do anything in a business-like way. The Nicaragua Canal is not a political question, or at least it should not be. It is question in which the people of the whole country are concerned. We need the canal as a military necessity, as a commercial necessity, and it will not do for us to permit any other country to get control of it.—*Manchester, Va., Leader, Dim.*

—— That well-packed war commission is composed of lawyers who would make Chief Justice Fuller turn over in his grave—if he had any grave. They offset the testimony as to the embalmed beef of a score of reputable officers who swere positively that the beef must have been put up in Denmark, with the testimony of Alger's pet appointees that they didn't get hold of any bad beef. "Well, Pat," said the J. P.., "I shall have to send you to jail this time. Five witnesses swear positively that they saw you hit Michael O'Flannigan with a brickbat, and ——" "But, hould on, yer honer," says Pat, "I can find yez a hundred witnesses ez will swear they didn't see it! So thore now!"—*Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "She is a good whist player for a woman, isn't she?" "Yes; she always plays in a whisper,"—*Puck.*

— If the Filipinos are wise they will come quietly into the Union and organize an army of office-seekers.—*Puck.*

— The "oldest inhabitant" now feels that his occupation is gone. The younger fellows can now refer to the Winter of 1899.—*Denver Republican.*

— An Irritating Request—The Supplicant—"O, Sultan! live forever!" The Sultan—"Dog! How often must I tell you not to ask me to do anything that might offend the Christian powers."—*Puck.*

— Hicks—"I saw Whiston just now. He's and old stick." Wicks—"I believe you. As eccentric as ever, I suppose?" Hicks—"Worse, if anything. He doesn't claim to have had the grip."—*Boston Transcript.*

— Jones—"Dear me! You say you often lay down the law to your wife. How do you go about it?" Bones—"Why, all you need is firmness! I usually go into my study, lock the door, and do it over the transom."—*Puck.*

— Mrs. Proudfoot—"Yes, Mrs. Malaprop, that's an heirloom. It's been in Mr. Proudfoot's family over 100 years." Mrs. Mala—"Do tell! I've been naggin' at John Henry to get an heirloom ever since we moved to the city, but he can't find any, except second-hand ones."—*The Jewelers' Weekly.*

— Standing Up For the Animal: "According to the witnesses," said the police justice, "the man called you vile names and paid no attention to him, but when he spoke to the monkey you picked up a brick and knocked him down." "Yessa," replied the organ grinder. "He tell de monkey it looka like me."

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Garner the beautiful as you go,
Wait not for a time of leisure;
The hours of toil may be long and slow,
And the moments few of pleasure.
But beauty strays by the common ways,
And calls to the dullest being;
Then let not thine ear be deaf to hear,
Or thine eye be slow in seeing.

Kind nature calls from her varied halls,
"I will give you balm for sadness;"
Let the sunset's gleam and the laugh of the stream
Awaken thoughts of gladness.
If a bird should pour his song by the door,
Let thy heart respond with singing;
The wind and the trees have harmonies
That may set thy joy-bells ringing.

Pause oft by a flower in its leafy bower,
And feast thine eye on its beauty;
A queen hath bliss no rarer than this,
'Tis thy privilege and duty.
And oh, when the shout of a child rings out,
And its face is bright with gladness,
Let it kindle the shine of joy in thine,
And banish care and sadness!

Then gather the beautiful by your way,
It was made for the soul's adorning;
'Tis a darksome path which no radiance hath,
At noon, at eve and in the morning.
Hard is the soil where we delve and toil
In the homely field of duty;
But the hand of our King to us doth fling
The shining flowers of beauty.
—*Woman's Home Companion.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Census is a tax a man pays to the public for being eminent.—*Swift.*

— Speak kind words now; it will cost something to put them on tombstones.

— To-morrow will be like to-day. Life wastes itself while we are preparing to love.—*Emerson.*

— Providence has a thousand keys to open a thousand doors for the deliverance of his own.—*Rutherford.*

— We must go only where our Savior leads us. We are sure to stumble if we leave His side.—*Newman Hall.*

— If you wish success in life make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, and hope your guardan genius.—*Addison.*

—See the spider cast out her film to the gale confident that it will adhere somewhere and form the commencement of the web. We are to toil on in the assurance of triumph.—*Spurgeon.*

— Did you ever feel the joy of winning a soul for Christ? I tell you there is no joy of heaven which excels it—the grasp of the hand of one who says, "By your means I was turned from darkness."—*Spurgeon.*

—Do not let the empty cup be your first teacher of the blessings you had when it was full. Seek, as a plain duty, to cultivate a buoyant, joyous sense of the crowded kindness of God in your daily life.—*Alexander Maclaren.*

— If you are true to your Master, He will succor you when tempted; the victory that overcometh is your faith, not in yourselves, but in the Omnipotent Son of God, whose you are and whom you serve. Triumphs over temptation will strengthen you.—*T. L. Cuyler.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Elizabeth City *Economist*: Mr. Jason Bell, a prominent and popular citizen of Snowden section of Currituck county, departed this life at his resident on Thursday, February 9th, aged 63 years.

— Rockingham *Rocket*: The jail so-called, a building at the county home, was entirely consumed by fire on Sunday. Dicy——an aged demented negro, negro who was confined in the building, set fire to it and was consumed by the flames.

— Clinton *Democrat*: Mr. Nathan McLamb, a well known and esteemed citizen of Herrings, died on Thursday morning. —— Quite a number of farmers in this country are preparing to plant tobacco this year. The fact that we are to have a warehouse here is an inducement to the farmers of this section to plant tobacco.

—Twenty-five hundred pounds of rabbit meat passed here yesterday from Siler City and other stations on the Atlantic and Yadkin consigned to Richmond, Washington and other Northern markets. —Hugh Mc Lean, Esq., of Harnett county, one of the noted twin brothers, died on the 9th inst. in the 90th year of his age. He and his twin brother Hector, who survives him, were bachelors and lived together at their home in the vicinity of Summerville.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: A young man by the name Moffit, near Harper's X Roads cut off one-half of a Miss Cavenesses, hair, then the next day slipped to her room and cut her wedding dress into strings. She is going to marry the other fellow. The sheriff is looking for the young man now, —— Badger Watson, a colored man of Ore Hill, was held up Saturday evening a half mile from Pittsboro by three young black men and robbed of all his cash $13.65.

— Durham *Sun*: Four hogs have been killed at Colonel J. S. Carr's Occoneechee farm that weighed, when dressed, 1,805 pounds. The weight of the hogs were 560, 520, 400 and 325 pounds respectively. How is this for fine porkers? At the Occoneechee farm the very finest and the best of everything in the way of stock and farm products are raised. The aggregate weight of the four hogs mentioned above is the best we have heard of this season. The average of each was 451½ pounds.

— Charlotte *News*: Mr. Ed. Strickland died at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home of his mother, Mrs. S. G. Stricklahd. ——Some of the mills of Charlotte are out of fuel and had to close down yesterday. The Crown Hosiery Mill closed down, and a reporter learned to-day that the Oates Cotton Mill would run out of coal to-day or Friday if a new supply was not received. This is in deed a very serious state of affairs when it is taken into consideration the number of hands these two factories employ, and the number of families, women and children, who depend upon their daily wages to buy bread.

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THE LETTER.

I have existed but a few hours. I was born this morning on the red velvet lid of an ebony writing desk. A woman wrote me into existence, and as I grew under a fine gold pen I first perceived the tips of slender white fingers whose regular sway back and forth gave me a delicious sensation. Then I distinguished the face bent above me, a pretty face, pale and sad, with great, gray eyes, under which were black circles, rosy, wet eyelids, but white lips. Her hair fell in disorder over her forehead, curling behind her ears down to her shoulders. My first lines, in a slanting English handwriting, were to this effect:

Had passed a miserable night, impossible to sleep, strange dream, and awoke trembling; pity and mercy asked in the same line. Then the ball of the night before was spoken of. She had been very unhappy and had left full of presentiment, although he was there. "Why was this?"

She leaned on the desk, her head on her hand, and fell into a reverie. Her sleeve fell back, and I felt the perfume of her warm, soft arm penetrate me. She remained thus some time, her beautiful large eyes full of sad thought. Suddenly two tears gathered, and I began to understand the sense of the words, "Why was this?" The tears trembled on her eyelids, then ran down her cheek. The poor little woman sighed and returned to me.

He had been very neglectful at the ball, and she had caught his eye only once or twice. The pen began to write rapidly, the words were scratched off, sentences followed each other without punctuation, a passionate love filled my pages in a retrospective glance. "The transport of the first days," doubts, timidity, the avowal, first kisses! Then the day when jealousy was awakened, so terrible, yet so charming, terror, agony, if ten minutes late, the promise of eternal fidelity, renewed vows—all this as the eyes rained tears and the pen went on impetuously, tightly held in the thin fingers.

My four pages were full when some one entered the room. I disappeared quickly inside the desk. I fell among a pile of letters, faded flowers and debris of all sorts. In one corner lay a white cravat, twisted around a little white bouquet. It was of corded muslin and made me suddenly think of a certain date, of which I speak later.

When I was taken out of hiding, the young woman was dressed ready to go out, with a thick veil covering her red lidded eyes. She added two words, "Come to-night," and then I waited impatiently for a name that I expected to see, when I felt two fresh, warm lips pressed so passionately against me that the paper crackled. Then a flower was slipped between my leaves, and I was shut up in an envelope and addressed, and the—ah, I cannot say for sure what happened! My impressions are vague. I was put in a pocket later, where I found a little handkerchief damp with the tears I had seen wiped away. We were together until once more I was brought forth but to fall into a vile box, where I remained all alone. It had an opening on top, from which I could see people passing to and fro. I was kept here a long time, and thought I should never get out again when thump, a heavy mass fell upon me, then another and still another. I was nearly stifled under the load. A hideous yellow envelope fell on my side, as if to crush me out of existence. Perhaps it contained some villainous news, some hypocritical lie, some message of evil, and I, yet palpitating from the fine English handwriting on my pages, had to be mixed up with all this.

A key clicked in the lock, crick, crack, an enormous red hand plunged into the box, and, taking the packet, disappeared and came again. Twice I slipped between his big fingers—I was too delicate for such handling—but I was seized at last and crumpled up in a bundle tied with string. Then I was carried along till we were surrounded by voices, scratching of pens, and I was seized anew by a hand that pressed something dreadful upon me. I received two dire strokes right over the poor little flower between my pages.

When I came to myself again, I found myself on a chimney piece, the room filled with shadows of the dying day. At length after a long wait my envelope was torn open and I was glanced over rapidly by two superb but icy cold blue eyes, so dry and hard that they gave me a shock.

Only my first lines were read. He seemed to divine the rest, and then he threw me roughly on the chimney piece again, the flower fell unheeded to the floor. I saw it no more. The one who rejected me so unkindly was a very handsome man, tall, and well made, with curly blond hair and long, carefully trimmed beard. He was elegantly dressed, and his hands were white and delicate.

As I lay in an uncomfortable position close to a chandelier the man, evidently forgetful of my existence, devoted his attention to tying a white cravat (the mate of the one in the desk), and no doubt at this very moment my dear friend who sent me forth this morning was wondering how I was being received. Oh, if I could only efface all that she had confided to me! He reread me, however, after a time, and little by little memory awakened in turn over the history contained therein, but his expression remained hard and cold. Reproaches, tears, heart throbs, all were unavailing. I heard him murmur as he paced up and down the room: "If I go, there will be more tears, and what is to be done? It is not my fault that I do not love her any longer. I am decided. I cannot go tonight. I will write and tell her so. I will say"—and he wrote.

What a difference—this morning, when I saw a sweet woman's face bending over me, feverish with emotion caused by thoughts of him, and this man seated before a table searching his brain for phrases to fit, but the words would not come any more easily than the ideas. He tore up six pages before finishing three lines.

I tell you all this from the bottom of a drawer where I am lying. There are letters and faded flowers and ribbons all around me, and I recognize the perfume of my tear stained pages. Where shall I be tomorrow? What will become of me? This is my thought as I dream of the black eyes full of tears and the cold blue eyes that have ceased to respond.—From the French.

An Editor's Apology.

A Hartland correspondent who wrote up a wedding which hadn't taken place thus very neatly explains matters:

"Apology is due to the parties concerned. We don't often get caught in this way, but this time we were told so confidently by honest folks that the wedding was a fact that we took the bait and wrote the item. We sometimes feel like the venerable Scotchman who, as he read King David's words—viz, 'I said in my haste all men are liars'—blurted out, 'Eh, mon, if ye had lived in oor day ye might have taken yer time aboot it.'"—Kennebec Journal.

A New Tack.

Gadzooks—What's become of Blueblood, who used to bore everybody by talking about his ancestry?

Zounds—Oh, he got married a year or so ago, and now he is boring everybody by talking about his posterity.—New York Tribune.

Patagonia was so styled by Magellan in accordance with the Spanish word patagon, meaning a large, clumsy foot. It was from the fact of seeing the impressions of the large shoes—not, as he imagined, the feet—of the aborigines that he at once concluded the country must be inhabited by giants.

British landlords are said to own 90,000,000 acres of land in this country, an area larger than that of Ireland.

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THE "FAST" YOUNG MAN.

The Duty of Fathers to Portray Him In His True Light.

In The Ladies' Home Journal Edward W. Bok writes of the "fast" man and the duties of fathers to their daughters in placing him where he belongs and warning them against him. Mr. Bok believes that if it is said of a man that "he has seen the world"—in other words, is "fast"—there is instantly a singular glamour about him in the eyes of young girls—girls as good and pure as were ever created. There is a scent of danger about such a man, and there are girls for whom danger, even of this sort, has a singular fascination. "The girls know that these men are bad. 'But so long as they respect me and treat me as a lady, where's the harm?' says the young woman when she is called to account for her company.

"As a matter of fact, the exact things which a man does to earn the reputation of being 'fast' are neither known nor dreamed of by the girls for whom such a reputation has this glamour. The trouble lies in the fact that our girls are brought up under a system which hesitates to call a spade by its right name. We are afraid of offending or of shocking certain fancied sensibilities, whereas, in reality, we make the greater mistake of making diamonds out of spades and giving our girls a wrong idea of actual things. * * * It is all very well to be tender in our regard for the feelings of our girls, but there is a limit, a point at which discretion becomes a crime. And that point has been reached when girls are allowed to know and associate with such men all unconscious of the danger. When every mother or father, or person with whom the duty may rest, classes the 'fast' man where he belongs and portrays him in his true light, it will be better for our girls. It is high time that some of them should know that the man who leads anything but a pure life buys, in every instance, that experience at a distinct sacrifice to himself and at a tremendous cost to the girl who marries him."

A Blockade Venture.

During the blockade of Buenos Ayres a clipper bark laden with flour was fitted out at Boston with the express purpose of running in. The late Augustus Hemenway was her supercargo. After a tedious voyage she arrived off Buenos Ayres and found his blockade too close to run in, and was compelled to cruise off and on, waiting for a change in her favor. While thus lazily reconnoitering, she spoke a vessel from Valparaiso, which reported a famine there. Mr. Hemenway at once decided to try Valparaiso. The captain hesitated. He said his vessel was not adapted to double Cape Horn in the dead of winter. But young Hemenway assumed the entire responsibility, and the captain yielded. She had a favorable slant round the Horn and reached Valparaiso in safety, where her cargo was sold at high prices. The Chilians were so grateful for the timely relief that they loaded the bark as deep as she could safely swim with copper ore, and all concerned in the venture made a fortune. Later, Mr. Hemenway opened a trade with Valparaiso in copper, wool, nitrate, etc., by which he became one of the richest men in Boston.—Harper's Round Table.

How Wagner Wrote His Operas.

Wagner carried an opera in his mind for years before he began to set it down on paper. The work once begun, however, it was performed with lightninglike speed. Even when an old man he wrote down the score for one of his famous operas with such rapidity that two trained amanuenses were unable to keep up with him. So absorbed in his writing did Wagner become that in his chirography were expressed the different emotions of the personages of the opera portrayed by those passages.—Ladies' Home Journal.

She Remonstrated.

"Mrs. Small," said the lodger to his landlady, "I thought you didn't allow smoking in the parlor?"

"I don't," replied Mrs. Small, with energy. "Who's doing it, I'd like to know?"

"Well, if you have time, you might step in and remonstrate with the lamp."—Pick Me Up.

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WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	7
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	12½
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6½	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9'00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	20	@	23
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	49	@	50
Virginia Meal		@	50
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	75	@	80
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10½	@	11¾
Dairy Cream		@	11
State		@	10¾
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	13	@	16
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 lbs		@	70
EGGS—℔ dozen	11	@	12
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 00	@	8 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	4 00
First Patent	4 50	@	5 00
GLUE—℔ ℔		@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	53	@	55
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	50
Oats, from store	40	@	45
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas	60	@	75
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	6¼
Dry flint		@	10
Dry salt		@	9
HAY ℔ 100 lbs			
Clover Hay	50	@	75
Rice Straw	40	@	45
Eastern		@	75
Western		@	75
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔		@	1¾
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5	@	7
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	25	@	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 60	@	1 65
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	11 00
Rump		@	10 50
Prime		@	10 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool	75	@	80
American	70	@	75
On 120 ℔ Sacks		@	67½
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	3 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		5½@	5½
Standard A		5 @	5¾
White Extra C		5 @	5¾
Extra C, Golden		@	5
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern		3½@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 50
Common Mill	4 50	@	5 00
Inferior to ordinary	3 00	@	4 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	10	@	15

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WILMINGTON MARKET.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market steady at 43½ cents per gallon bid for machine-made casks and 44 cents bid per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at 90 cents per bbl for strained and 95 cents for good strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1.00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 31½@32c; rosin firm at $1.20, $1.25; tar firm, 95c; crude turpentine firm at $1.50, $2.00, $2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	1
Rosin	215
Tar	112
Crude Turpentine	5

Receipts same day last year.—5 casks spirits turpentine, 391 bbls rosin, 73 bbls tar, 10 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Good Ordinary	3 9-16 cts	₰	lb
Good Ordinary	4 15-16	"	"
Low Middling	5 9-16	"	"
Middling	6	"	"
Good Middling	6 5-16	"	"

Sam eday last year middling 5¾c.

Receipts—41 bales; same day last year, 426.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 55@60c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 65c; Fancy, 70. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c; Spanish, 80@90c.

CORN—Firm; 42½@47½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 90c@$1.10; upland 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 12 to 13c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $2.50 to $6.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 18.—Money on call was steady at 2@2½ per cent, last loan being at 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 2¾@3¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486@486¼ for demand and 484@484¼ for sixty days. Posted rates were 485 and 487. Comm

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A SINGULAR DEED.

It was supposed that Captain Faulkiner had married Honor Beaumont for her money. I had known Faulkiner for some years, and I am bound to say I had very little to urge in his defense. He had never been actually caught in any nefarious proceeding, but it was known that he had run through most of his friends, that he was wonderfully lucky at faro and that he was anxiously looking out for an heiress.

The wedding duly took place, and about four months afterward Captain and Mrs. Faulkiner were back in town, apparently the happiest couple to be found in all Belgravia.

As for Faulkiner, he seemed completely changed. There was a manliness about him that one never noticed before. His eyes wore a frank expression that was truly refreshing to see. He was clearly devoted to his wife, and they seemed to perfectly understand and trust each other. What could it mean?

Gradually I got to really like Faulkiner. He made a splendid host, was a pattern of the domestic virtues and impressed one as being the soul of honor. Our acquaintance finally ripened into a close friendship. One evening he expounded the mystery.

"Shall I tell you the story of my courtship, Jack?" he asked.

"As you will, my dear fellow," I replied, "if it isn't too sacred a subject for a third party."

"That's just it. It is a sacred subject, as you will see."

He lit a cigar and proceeded:

"All that the world thought and said of me before I was married was true and more than true. I was a 'regular bad lot,' and it is true also that in proposing to Miss Beaumont I was actuated by the most mercenary motives, and those alone.

"All that I wanted was her money—her money, Jack. Do you hear? The world said so, and the world was perfectly right. I had plans as to what I would do with it. My chief anxiety was to prevent her getting any inkling of the truth, and so I never ceased to dance constant attendance on her, and especially to withdraw her as far as possible from her lady friends. All went well until one evening at the Villiers' ball she took me on one side, saying:

"'Fritz'—she always called me Fritz, rather than Frank—'I want to speak to you.'

"'What is it, darling?'

"'You are not to call me darling any more till this matter is cleared up.'

"'What matter, dear?'

"'Just this: People are saying that you are marrying me merely for my money. Is that so?'

"'Of course not. I love you for yourself'—

"'Stop, stop! I am going to put you to the proof. You know my solicitors, Messrs. Hopkins & Dicey, in Lincoln's inn?'

"'Yes.'

"'Well, meet me there tomorrow at noon sharp. And now good night.'

"In a moment she was gone. I passed a sleepless night and with great difficulty nerved myself in the morning to keep the mysterious appointment.

"Old Dicey—I call him that because he is now one of my dearest friends—received me coldly.

"'I have been favored, Captain Faulkiner,' he said, 'with some very extraordinary instructions from my client, your fiancee, Miss Beaumont. I must entirely disclaim all responsibility in the matter. I have simply given effect to Miss Beaumont's wishes, and the final issue of them must rest entirely with yourself. If you please, we will go to the adjoining room, where Miss Beaumont awaits us.'

"We found her seated near a window. She did not rise, but simply bowed, and I saw that her face was pale, and that it wore an expression of enforced calm.

"'Fritz, I told you last night that people are saying you are marrying me merely for my money. It matters little to me now whether they speak truth or not. If they do, then, whether or not you become my husband, is the light gone out of my life indeed. You know, Fritz, how I love you! If you have done this cruel thing, nothing can undo it now. If you have designed to beggar me under the pretext of affection, fortune or no fortune, husband or no husband, can make no difference to me. But it shall never be said that you actually did marry me for my money, and so, Fritz, I have asked Mr. Dicey to draw up a deed which—which'—and here the poor darling broke down completely and could say no more.

"'The deed, Captain Faulkiner,' said Mr. Dicey, with frigid solemnity, 'is an uncommon one. I know, indeed, of no precedent. But it recites that, in consideration of Captain Francis Arthur Faulkiner of the Second Life guards releasing Miss Honor Beaumont of Hurstfield House, Hertfordshire, from her engagement to marry him the said Miss Honor Beaumont herewith makes over to the said Captain Francis Arthur Faulkiner all her real and personal property, as scheduled herewith, save and except the residence known as The Grove, Isleworth, in the county of Middlesex, and as much of her Midland railway debenture stock as will suffice to provide an annuity of $1,500 a year.'

"I turned half mechanically to Honor. She was still calm and pale, but her eyes were brimful of tears.

"'It is impossible!' I exclaimed, and just at that moment something seemed to struggle within me, for out of the depths of my sinful heart there came welling the tiny, feeble remnant of the little good it ever held.

"I felt as if I could give not only love but life to that noble woman who had proposed to herself this mad, this fearful sacrifice in order to put to proof the sincerity of the man she loved. Disregarding the presence of the man of law, I clasped her in my arms, and we—yes, Jack, we wept together.

"'I treasure now that sacred parchment which awakened to new life the little good that was left in me—which aroused the deadened sense of unselfish love and gave me riches greater far than my villainy had ever dreamed of.' Do you wonder, Jack, that I am a changed man?"—London News.

Historic Wedding Ring.

After the great battle of Edgehill, fought when Charles I was king of England, it was noticed that one of his bravest officers, an ancestor of the present Verney family, was missing. Search was made for the gallant soldier. Nothing was found but the gloved hand, still clutching the royal standard, and the wedding ring which he always wore still encircled the finger. The ornament was worn outside the gloved hand. With this historic relic the Verney family of Clayton, Buckinghamshire, England, have solemnized all their marriages, the ordinary gold band always being substituted after the ceremony. The latest marriage in which this wonderful ring was in use was that of Sir Henry Verney to the sister of Florence Nightingale.

A MAN WITHOUT A HAT.

He Is the Object of Everybody's Amusement and Boys' Diversion.

A man without a hat is one to be consoled. If he is a peaceful, law abiding man, who has lost his headgear in a disgraceful manner and while as yet free from the effects of the liquor, he is probably saying unkind things about himself and the wondering people who are watching him and the street gamins who are following him. He sees ill clad laborers with some kind of a cover for the head and the ragged urchins with tattered caps, and he thinks to himself what a relief it would be only to have something in the shape of a recognized headgear to cover his wind tossed hair if he has any.

He is the object of everybody's amusement and the small boy's derision. Women and girls walk past him with uncovered head, but nobody notices them, while they still have the impertinence to smile at the condition which he is in. And when he meets a female acquaintance—well, if there ever was a man who would like to be off the earth for a few short minutes, it is he. Ah, what a relief to have something on the head after such a trial! Anything, the most outlandish cap, will answer the need at the moment of buying it, and the man with the uncovered head is no more when at last he steps out of the store with a covering proudly upon his head. He can now look his fellow creatures in the face.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Hard Shot.

Among the stories told of Dr. Emmons, a well known clergyman of a former day and generation, there are many which show his keen wit.

In the town where he was pastor there lived a physician who was a pantheist and took pains to let every one know it. He had made frequent boast that he could easily conquer Dr. Emmons in argument, and one day came his chance. He and the doctor met at the house of a sick man.

"How old are you, sir?" asked the physician brusquely.

"Sixty-two," replied Dr. Emmons quietly, although his eyes showed his surprise. "May I ask your age in turn?"

"I've been alive since the creation in one form or another," said the physician curtly.

"Ah, then I suppose you were with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden?" inquired the doctor.

"Certainly," came the reply.

"Um!" said Dr. Emmons placidly, meditating on the other's face. "I always thought there was a third person there, but some have differed from me."—Youth's Companion.

A Big Boiled Dinner.

Cooks in large hotels and boarding houses may think they get up meals on a big scale, but when it comes to wholesale cookery the little village of Liss, on the London and Southwestern railway, England, surpasses them all.

At a barbecue held there not long ago an ox was boiled, not roasted, whole, and this is how it was done:

A large hole was dug in the ground and lined with brick. Inside this a tank large enough to hold the ox was built. The carcass was then lowered into the tank, having first been placed in a case formed by heavy crossbars, to which chains were attached. Pulleys from a scaffolding above were used to raise and lower the ox.

Many vegetables, such as carrots, onions, cabbages and potatoes, were boiled with the meat. The boiling required seven hours.—Portland Transcript.

FISHING FOR SPONGES.

How They Are Sighted and Brought Up From the Water.

The sponges of commerce and the dried specimens of other species are not the actual animals, but merely their skeletons or framework. That which constitutes their vital parts is removed in preparing them for market.

Sponges do not have the power of motion possessed by most animals. They are nearly always attached to submerged objects. Since it is impossible for them to go in search of food, they can grow only in places where there is plenty of food such as they require.

They are more active in fresh than in still water and die in a short time if exposed to the air. The surface of a living sponge is covered with minute pores, through which water is imbibed, carrying with it both the air and the organic particles necessary for the support of life.

Sponges are distributed through all seas and are classified chiefly according to the structure of the skeleton. The Mediterranean and the Red seas are the sponging grounds of the old world. The grounds of the new world are the Bahamas, southern and western Forida and parts of the West Indies.

The best sponge of commerce is found in the Mediterranean and is known as the Turkey, or Smyrna, sponge. It is obtained by divers, who go clad in armor when diving.

Sponges are usually obtained by fishing for them. When a sponge vessel arrives at the fishing grounds in the Bahamas, it is anchored, and the crew immediately get ready for work. The sponge fisher's outfit consists of a small boat called a "dingey," a long hook and a water glass. The sponge hook is a three pronged iron fork attached to the end of a very long pole. The water glass is simply a wooden water bucket with a bottom of common window glass.

To use it the glass bottom is thrust into the water, the fisherman puts the bail around his neck and then burles his head deep in the bucket to exclude the light. There are always two men to each dingey—one to act as "sculler" and the other as "hooker." While the sculler propels the dingey along very slowly the hooker, in a kneeling position, keeps his head in the water glass, looking down in the water. When a good sponge is sighted, the hooker gives a signal, and the dingey stops.

Together the sculler and hooker thrust the sponge hook down through the water and run it under the sponge. The roots are thus pulled loose from the rocks, and soon the game is in the dingey. Thus the work goes on until a boatload is obtained, and then they are taken ashore and placed in crawls to be cured. The crawls are built by sticking pieces of brush or stakes into the sand just out of the water or where it is very shallow.

They remain in the crawls while undergoing maceration, and the refuse is carried away in the ebb and flow of the tide. Usually they are left in the crawls for a week; then the fishermen remove them and give them a beating for the purpose of removing all chance impurities. After the beating they are thoroughly cleansed and are ready for market.—Philadelphia Press.

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"The law is very blank on the question which occasionally comes up as to the legal right of a clergyman to marry himself," observed a lawyer. "Of course there are not many clergymen who have ever contended that they had the legal as well as the ecclesiastical right to perform a marriage when they were personally parties to it, and there never will be, from the peculiar circumstances of the case. As far as the laws of this District are concerned, however, a clergyman is just as competent to marry himself as he is to marry others, for the reason that the laws do not say anything to the contrary, and the clergyman's certificate that the marriage has been performed is all that is needed to make it lawful.

"I am not up in ecclesiastical law to any great extent, and I am not able to explain the church ordinances, but as far as I can learn a clergyman of any of the leading denominations has all the church right to marry himself that he has to marry others. The court of queen's bench in Dublin on Nov. 16, 1855, had a case of this kind under consideration, the only point in issue being whether a clergyman could marry himself. The case was very fully argued and is reported in the reports of that court and quoted by many English law writers. The decision was in the affirmative, and that is the law of England today. Some of the state laws may have thought it necessary to express an opinion in the matter, but I have never seen any. The case that I refer to is cited in the books as that of Beamish versus Beamish. It was a proceeding for a divorce, in which the question was raised that there never had been a marriage."—Washington Star.

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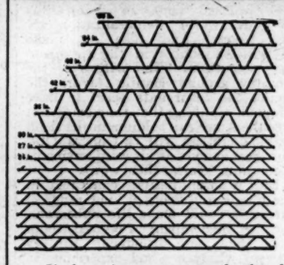

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$ 695,879.87	Capital	$ 125,000.00
Overdrafts	508 32	Surplus	70,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	95,500.00	Undivided profits	18,448 05
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000.00	Circulation	40,960.00
Due from app'd res've ag'ts $110 483 66		Dep sits U. S. Treas	$ 50,000.00
Due from other banks	185 165.88	Deposits from Banks	213 477.45
Cash on hand	112,176.13—407,825.19	Deposits from individuals	691,937.58—955,415.03
Total	$1,309,813.08	Total	$1,309,813.08

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Feb. 4, '97.	Feb. 4, '98.	Feb. 4, '99
Total Deposits	$589,000	$537 091	$955,415
Surplus and Net Profits	64 100	74,200	88,448

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:30 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:43 A. M., Raleigh 3:06 P. M., Sanford 5:05 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M., Wadesboro 8:10 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., and Atlanta 5:30 A. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45 A. M., Wadesboro 6:51 A. M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 9:39 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:30 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:30 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9.05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 11.05 noon.

Train 408—Leaves Washington 5:00 P. M., Richmond 9:00 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:39 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:01 A. M., Monroe 6:58 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 3:50 P. M.

Train 403—Leaves Charlotte 9:00 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 10:20 A. M., Shelby 11:27 A. M., Shelby 11.37 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:50 noon.

Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:20 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:40 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:15 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 409—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:15 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:50 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

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NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	8 50 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 00 M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 20 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 23 "
Leave Sanford	1 50 "
Leave Climax	3 44 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 15 "
Leave Greensboro	4 25 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 12 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 44 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 13 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 25 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 45 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 09 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 36 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 56 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M
Leave Climax	12 42 "
Leave Sanford	2 30 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 49 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 52 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 02 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 05 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 03 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 33 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	4 52 "
Leave Red Springs	5 35 "
Arrive Maxton	6 09 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 55 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOMND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 30 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 15 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 30 "
Leave Greensboro	3 00 "
Leave Climax	3 50 "
Arrive Ramseur	5 30 "

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.45 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11.33 A. M., Goldsboro 12.26 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.31 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.34 P. M., Warsaw 8 43 P. M., Goldsboro 9.45 P. M., Wilson 10.38 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.35 P. M. Weldon 12.30 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M. Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.33 A. M., Washington 7 01 A. M., Baltimore 8.33 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.38 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M., Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.05 P. M., New York †2.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.00 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12 09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.13 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.30 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.50 A. M., Sumter 8.15 P. M., Florence 10.00 A. M., Marion 10.40 A. M., Chadbourn 11.44 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.13 A. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.59 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.53 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

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Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.30 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9 30 A. M., 5.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10 10 A. M., 4.08 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11 22 A. M.; 5.35 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M. 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 1.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.12 A. M., arrive Latta 10.32 A. M., Dillon 10.44 A. M., Rowland 11.01 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Hub 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 5.13 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 19.

THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

Naval Appropriations and the Postoffice Bill Under Consideration—Not Much Progress.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Senate spent most of the day on the Postoffice Appropriation bill, but failed to complete it. After animated discussion of the pneumatic tube system, Mr. Cullom's amendment increasing the appropriation for this purpose and designed to extend the system to Chicago was tabled.

A spirited controversy arose over the Senate amendment that star route bidders shall reside on the route where the service is to be performed Mr. Money, Mississippi, said this would result in leaving many routes without service, as there would be no local bidders.

Mr. Pasco, Florida, said steps should be taken to break up this speculative bidding in star routes. He had seen the service carried on in Florida in a manner unworthy of the government, as a result of the system of sub-letting.

The amendment was allowed to stand with a suggestion from Senator Jones, Arkansas, that the conferees provide against sub-letting of star route bids.

A number of bills of minor importance were passed early in the day. At 4 o'clock tributes to the memory of the late Representative Simpkins, of Massachusetts, were pronounced. At 4:50 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day spent two hours upon the Naval Appropriation bill without making any progress and devoted the remainder of the session to eulogies upon the life and public services of the late Representative Northway, of Ohio.

The paragraph in the bill relating to the Naval Academy, against which Mr. Mudd, Republican, Maryland, raised a point of order yesterday, was stricken out, the point of order being sustained. Mr. Mudd then moved an additional appropriation of $720,000 for the completion of the buildings at the academy authorized in the last Naval bill. The amendment was not voted upon.

At 3:20 P. M. the House adjourned.

JAMES RIVER FLOOD.

The Worst at Richmond Believed to be Over—Bridges Safe—The Streets Still in Darkness.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 18.—As to the flood, it is hoped that the worst is over. It all depends upon the ice gorge at the Old Dominion wharf at Rockets. The water has been falling steadily at Columbia, the danger point up the river, where the Rivanna empties into the James river, and is to-night down to eight feet, which is a matter not worth reckoning with. Unless there is another rise there, which seems impossible, and the flush is caught by floods in the Tye and upper James, no danger from above may be counted on. The water has gone out of Main street between Fifteenth and Seventeenth, and the City Gas Works are safe. By the free use of dynamite a channel has been opened in the ice between the Southern Railway's and Mayo's bridges. This, it is believed, will save the former and materially lessen damage to the latter. A sudden rise of the water or a general break in the ice cannot carry away Mayo's, as did the floods of 1870 and 1877.

One of the electric light plants is still badly crippled, and the streets are in darkness. The Old Dominion wharf ice gorge is at a point just above the lower part of the city and fears are entertained that when it goes considerable damage will result in the Fulton flats. There has been considerable destruction of wharf property and there is no way yet of estimating losses to merchants whose cellars and lower floors were flooded.

A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Twenty-one Persons Killed and a Hundred or More Injured in a Railroad Collision in Belgium.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BRUSSELS, February 18.—An express train from Calais, having passengers from London on board collided to day with train from Tournay, which was standing at the station at Foret, near this city. Twenty one persons were killed outright and one hundred more or less injured. There were no Americans or Englishmen among the victims.

It is said that owing to the fog, the engineer of the express train did not see the signals. The scene of the wreck presents a horrible picture. When the locomotive, of the express train leaped on to the roofs of the three rearmost carriages of the train from Tournay, they crashed through them and ground the carriages and their occupants into an almost inextricable mass of splintered wood, broken and twisted iron-work and mangled humanity. Six of the bodies of victims were found intertwined in the wheels of the express locomotive. The terrible disfigurement of the dead passengers was appalling,

VIRGINIA TRUCKERS.

Serious Damage to the Crops in the Norfolk Section.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA, February 18.—The *Virginian Pilot* will say to-morrow: "We have interviewed the leading truckers in this section in regard to the effects of the late storm upon growing crops. The consensus of opinion is that the radish crop is totally destroyed and will have to be re-planted. Kale is looking tough and has turned yellow, but may possibly be reclaimed. Cabbage are looking badly and were, it is believed, injured to a large extent. The cold, freezing weather anterior to the late snow storm did the damage. Nearly everything in the ground was injured.

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A NEW RULER FOR FRANCE.

Loubet Elected President on the First Ballot by the National Assembly.

ONLY SLIGHT OPPOSITION.

An Angry Demonstration by Nationalists and Anti-Semites in Paris—Fighting Between Opposing Factions. Troops Clear the Streets.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, February 18.—M. Loubet was elected President of the French republic this afternoon. He received 483 votes, against 279 votes cast for M. Meline, and fifty scattering.

The National Assembly met at Versailles at 1 o'clock this afternoon. M. Loubet, president of the Senate, declared the sitting open amid the applause of the Leftists, during which M. Loubet proceeded to the drawing for tellers.

The various political groups held meetings at noon and M. Cochery announced that M. Meline had definitely withdrawn his candidacy. The Nationalists and the Anti Semites decided not to vote for M. Loubet.

When M. Paul Deroulde, organizer of the League of Patriots, and deputy, representing the second district of Angouleme, voted, he attempted to speak from the tribune where the urns were placed, but M. Loubet forbade him to do so, which called forth protests from the Rightists and applause from the Leftists. M. Deroulde, however, persisted in speaking, and repulsed the ushers and others who rushed up to expel him from the tribune, which he finally left.

While in the tribune M. Deroulde shouted: "The President of the republic ought to be elected by the people, I will not vote here." Then turning to M. Loubet, M. Deroulde cried: "Do you deny what M. de Beaurepaire has written?" To this M. Loubet replied: "I am not called on to answer you." M. Deroulde retorted: "I know what you are."

M. Drumont, representing in the chamber the first division of Algiers, also attempted to speak, and a great commotion followed, during which cries of "Down with anarchy!" were raised.

Apart from the Deroulede incident the voting passed of quietly, the members returning to their seats after voting and chatting on the events of the day.

After the announcement of the result M. Chauveau and many members of the Assembly repaired to an adjoining salon where M. Loubet awaited them. The result of the election was communicated to him and he received the congratulations of his friends.

The newly-elected President promised to devote his best efforts to fulfilling the wishes of the country and to "re-unite the Republicans who have drifted asunder by the current of unhappy events." President Loubet's remarks brought forth lively applause from his hearers.

The Premier, M. Dupuy, then formally transferred the executive power to M. Loubet, and congratulated him upon his election.

The President, in thanking M. Dupuy, expressed the hope of having the support of the cabinet. The Senators and Deputies then filed past and shook hands with the President, who afterwards received a deputation of newspaper men and through them appealed to the whole press of the country to work in union and appeasement.

M. Loubet left the palace in a carriage accompanied by M. Dupuy and followed by the ministers. The crowds along the route acclaimed President Loubet with cries of "Vive La Republique," "Vive L'Armee," "Vive Loubet."

At 5 o'clock Versailles had resumed its normal aspect. President Loubet arrived here from Versailles at 5:08 P. M. and was received with military honors.

As the presidential carriage left the St. Lazare station a band of thirty or forty persons ranged themselves on either side of the landau, under the leadership of a couple of individuals who kept giving signals for shouts of "Down with Loubet," and "Resign! Resign!"

The general public was apparently indifferent and no active hostility was displayed. Many in the crowd saluted the President and cried "Vive Loubet," and "Vive L'Armee," but the shouts of the demonstrators running beside the carriage drowned the friendly salutations.

The noise and excitement was redoubled when the carriage stopped at the Elysee. Here two compact hostile groups were massed, hooting and blowing whistles. M. Loubet and Dupuy spent ten minutes with Mme. Faure and then proceeded to the Quai D'Orsay. On his journey hither, M. Loubet was more favorably received by the public.

The Nationalists gathered about the statue of Joan of Arc and M. Dorouleede made a fiery address to them. The crowd then marched to the Boulevards and stopped in front of the *Libre Parole* office. There the Nationalists yelled themselves hoarse with cries of "Vive l'Armee" and "Spit upon Loubet." The appearance of President Loubet in a carriage was the signal of hostile demonstrations and cries of "Panama! Panama!" In opposition to cries of "Panama" the supporters of the President raised shouts of "Vive Loubet!"

At this stage of the demonstration a detachment of mounted cuirassiers appeared and cleared a passage for the President's carriage.

The noise was then redoubled and the police had great difficulty in restraining the mob. Suddenly MM. De Roulde, Millevoye and Habert appeared. The mob surrounded M. Millevoye, who donned his deputy's belt, which is his usual method of signalling to his friends, and from 400 to 500 of his supporters ranged themselves around the three deputies, shouting "Down with Loubet," "Resign, resign," and "Panama."

When this body of men reached the Place de L'Opera there was met a sufficiently strong force of police there to bar the way and the demonstrators finally returned to the statue of Joan of Arc, where the deputies mounted a sand heap.

M. Millevoye then waved a tri-color flag above M. Derouleede, while the latter harrangued the crowd. He said: "Listen now to what I was prevented from saying at the Versailles election. The President belongs to the people. I rejoice at the manifestation, but today we cannot go to the Elysee and spit upon whom we have no wish to recognize as Chief of State. We must allow to rest in peace, such as it is, the man who is still lying there and return home. But on Thursday we shall not fail to attend the funeral ceremony. We will find among the followers of the co[up] the judges of the criminal se[nate] the Court of Cassation, and [the] deputies who elected their [pre]sident, whom we do not re[cog]nize, know your duty, [to] republic and lo[yal]ty to the people.'"

The dem[on]strators marched through the Rue des Pyramides, shouting and flaunting tri-colors. The police attempted to stop them and tried to seize the flags, but the mob resisted and finally returned to the avenue de L'Opera, where a large force of police was stationed in front of the military club. This detachment of police succeeded in dispersing the demonstrators, a downfall of rain assisting in the work.

Later in the evening bands, composed of members of the League of Patriots, Nationalists and others, paraded the boulevards, blocking traffic. Rival shouts of "Resign" and "Revision" were raised and some fighting took place between the members of the opposing factions, but order was gradually restored. A number of arrests were made.

Loubet, this evening, requested M. Dupuy to retain the premiership and the present cabinet.

Telegrams received from the provinces this evening show that the announcement of M. Loubet's election has been received with satisfaction.

The Duke of Orleans seems to be going away from France rather than coming to this country. He arrived last night at Turin, from San Remo.

BRYAN IN MICHIGAN.

Address at Ann Arbor on Imperialism. Declaration in Favor of Filipinos' Independence.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Feb. 18.—Col. Wm. J. Bryan lectured on "imperialism" to-night before an audience of students, members of the University of Michigan, faculty and citizens, which taxed the capacity of the big University Hall. It is seven years since the present leader of silver Democracy has visited this city, and the students of all shades of political opinions gave him a noisy and enthusiastic welcome on his appearance.

Col. Bryan's declaration in favor of independence for the Filipinos, under an American protectorate, brought out considerable applause.

The Colonel received a warm welcome during his reception preceding the evening address. Colonel Bryan went to Detroit after his lecture, and will spend Sunday at St. Clair, the guest of ex-Congressman Justin R. Whiting, late Democratic candidate for Governor of Michigan.

DROWNED IN PEE DEE RIVER.

A Colored Man, His Wife and Their Four Children.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 18.—Mr. W. L. Wilson, of Bishopville, reports a terrible story of suffering at Robbins, on the Pee Dee river in Darlington county. Thursday, a negro named Ned Bostic, found that the water of the river was rising around his house. He got an old boat and placing his family, consisting of his wife and four children in it, he tried to reach a place of safety, but as he neared the bridge on the W., C. & A. railroad, however, the boat went to pieces and the entire party was drowned. The bodies were caught under the ice and were not discovered until yesterday.

WARM WIRELETS.

No change reported yesterday in the Senatorial contests in Pennsylvania, Delaware and California.

President McKinley and party returned to Washington yesterday morning from their trip to Boston.

The steamer Admiral Dewey, which went ashore on Cutty Hunk shoals Wednesday, was floated yesterday and will be towed to Vineyard Haven.

The Cunard steamship Pavonia, which sailed from Queenstown for Boston on January 26, and which was sighted on February 5 in a disabled condition, arrived in tow at the Azores yesterday.

The British steamer Beacon Light, at Philadelphia, reports having passed, February 17th, the brig H. B. Hussey, Savannah for Portland, abandoned one hundred miles east by south of Sandy Hook.

The Old Dominion steamship, Old Dominion, bound in from New York, got aground off Bousch Bluff Friday. Her forty-two passengers were taken off by the steamer Hatteras, and later she floated and reached her dock in Norfolk.

Capt. George R. Talcott, U. S. Engineer in charge of the James river improvement, died suddenly in Richmond, Va. He was a son of Col. Andrew Talcott, the celebrated engineer who built the Richmond and Danville railway.

The court of inquiry to examine into the beef charges preferred by Gen. Miles, yesterday went into executive session as soon as it assembled, and proceeded with its work of selecting witnesses to be summoned and mapping out a plan of procedure.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease $1,138,000; loans, increase, $3,567,7000; specie, icreased, $3,624,000; legal tender, declined $2,493,700; deposits, increased, $9,113,200; circulation, decreased, $21,300. The banks now hold $34,373,825 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

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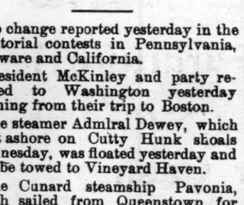

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SKIRMISHING AROUND MANILA.

General Otis Must Soon Assume a Most Vigorous Offensive Campaign.

Harrassing Tactics of the Natives Favored by Nature of Country Around Manila—Reports Indicate Filipinos Short of Ammunition.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—General Otis cabled the War Department the names of nine American soldiers wounded on Tarquina road, north of the pumping station, yesterday.

The reports of such skirmishes as those noted above, and the stories of frequent firing by concealed natives upon the American outposts, have conveyed the impression to the officials here that General Otis is being rapidly brought to a pass where he must assume a most vigorous campaign. Although no instructions have yet been sent to him, it is assumed that he will feel justified soon in doing this to prevent the demoralization of his troops and also to make his position tenable in the approaching wet season. The nature of the country around Manila favors the tactics the insurgents seem to have adopted, thinking that they could not face the American soldiers in the field, and it doubtless will be General Otis' task, just as soon as his reinforcements reach him, to clear them away.

Half a dozen natives concealed in the jungle and firing at long range at intervals could make life unbearable for a whole company of regular troops until they were dislodged. Military officers who have had experience in this kind of fighting say that men become panicky and lose their nerve under this treatment.

Reinforcements on the Way.

It is estimated that at the rate of progress now making by the transport Grant, the 1,800 troops on that ship will land at Manila about March 4th. A couple of weeks later the Sherman will arrive at the same place with a similar number of troops, and two weeks after that the Sheridan is due with the troops now embarking at New York. Before the last of these troops reach Manila the dry season will have gotten well towards an end and on y a few weeks will be left for active operations; so there is need for steady work in the preparations at all points in order to assure a fairly comfortable Summer for our troops.

A consideration that favors a termination of the struggle at an early date is the fact that the latest reports rather indicate that the insurgents are becoming short of ammunition, and with redoubled vigilance on the part of the naval forces around Luzon they may be brought to terms on this account as much as from any other.

A dispatch from Cape Charles says fifty oyster sloops and schooners have been carried out to sea by drifting ice. It is believed many are manned and the crews may suffer from exposure and hunger. Tugs will be sent to overhaul the drifting vessels.

The Mallory Line steamer City of San Antonio, which left New York Sunday afternoon for Brunswick, Ga., had not been sighted up to 12.30 this (Sunday) morning. The San Antonio is reported to have on board over a hundred tourists from Boston and New York for Florida and is now two days overdue.

COCKFIGHTS IN SPAIN.

An Amusement That Divides Attention With the Bull Ring.

Bullfighting is believed to be the national diversion of Spain, but cockfighting divides interest with it. In Madrid people subscribe annually to the cockfights as they do in New York to the opera season. These chaste affairs take place in Madrid every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon almost all the year round, with due advertisement and entire publicity.

A mixed crowd patronizes them—toreros and grandees, youths and staid men of business. The Circo de Galles, or cockpit club, is quite close to the Mediodia station. The entrance fee is 1 peseta, equal in its present depreciation to 10 cents. The building is octagonal and about 16 yards in diameter. It looks like a miniature circus arena inside. In the middle stands the circular platform where the birds fight. It is raised about three feet from the main floor, is six feet in diameter and is covered with a matting of thick rope woven firmly in circular rings. This is inclosed by a broad mesh of white netting fastened to a rail about a yard high which runs around the "pit."

In this netting are two small doors opposite each other. A triple row of seats surrounds the theater of action. Usually about 200 people are present. The birds are generally of English game breed. They weigh seven pounds on the average. After being put on the scales the odds on either side are chalked up on a blackboard. The handlers squeeze lemon juice on the birds' spurs to make the wounds smart more and so increase the fierceness of the conflict. The feathers are plucked from the necks of the combatants, giving the cocks an uncanny appearance. Metal spurs are seldom used, but the wounds are nevertheless hideous.—New York World.

An Inexcusable Interruption.

Lord Elgin, late viceroy of India, like all the Bruces, is a great walker and, as a rather natural consequence, a remarkably poor horseman. They tell a good story of him in India. At Simla one day he was taking horseback exercise along the local Rotten row. One of the pillars of Indian state wanted to discuss a matter of imperial importance with him and sent an aid-de-camp to ask him if he might join his excellency in his ride. The aid-de-camp cantered up and said, "Your excellency!" No answer was vouchsafed. A little nonplused, the envoy tried again, with no better result. In desperation he returned to the attack with: "Your excellency! Mr. So-and-so requests"—

Lord Elgin turned upon him furiously with this laconic but to his mind all sufficient excuse for his preoccupation: "Good Lord, sir, can't you see that I'm riding?"—London Figaro.

A Bird's Nest of Steel.

In the natural history museum at Soleure, in Switzerland, may be seen a bird's nest made wholly of steel wire. There is at Soleure a considerable number of watchmakers, and in their yards are pieces of cast off or broken watch springs. This debris a bird thought proper to use for the construction of its nest. One day a watchmaker observed in a tree in his yard a very queer looking nest. He examined it closely and saw that it had been made entirely out of watch springs. It was more than a decimeter (two-fifths of an inch) wide and was perfectly adapted to its object. When the brood had been raised, the nest was taken down and given to the museum, where it is a striking example of the adaptiveness of birds in taking advantage of circumstances in building their nests.—Cosmos.

Versions of a Child's Prayer.

I lay me down to rest me.
I pray the Lord to bless me.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

This hymn reminds one of Dr. Watts' well known "Evening Song," in which he says:

I lay my body down to sleep;
Let angels guard my head,
And through the hours of darkness keep
Their watch around my bed.

Possibly the doctor was acquainted with the child's hymn before he composed his song.—Notes and Queries.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Rev. W. L. Tart will preach at Brooklyn Baptist church to-day at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.

St. Thoma's Church. First mass, 7 A. M.; last mass and sermon, 10:30 A. M. Vespers, sermon, 7:45 P. M.

"The Voyage of Life," specially intended to profit young people, by Dr. Blackwell at the First Baptist Church to-night.

St. James' Church, first Sunday in Lent. Services, 11 A. M., litany, sermon, the holy communion; 5 P. M., evening prayer. Sunday School at 3 45 P. M. Public cordially welcome.

Services in St. John's Church to day, first Sunday in Lent, by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Carmichael, at 7:45 and 11 A. M., and 5 P. M. Sunday School, 4 P. M. Sermon in the morning by Rev. M. L. Barber.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, N. Fourth street, above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30 o'clock; Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. All seats free and every body welcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Sixth and Market streets, A. G. Voigt, D. D, pastor. English services to-day at 11 A. M., German services at 7.30 P. M. Sunday school at 3.30 P. M. Special Lenten services on Wednesday at 7.45 P. M.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

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A. & Y. Railroad—2 barrels tar.
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THE NEWBERN FAIR.

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[*Special Star Telegram.*]

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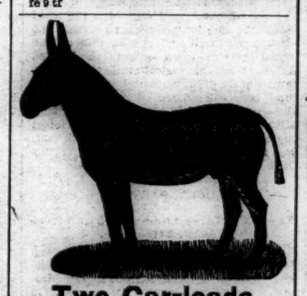

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Heavy Corded Bengalene Silks in all new shades, a $1.25 value, but we bought to sell at $1.00 yard.
Fifty pieces new Silk Velvets in all new shades at $1.00 a yard. Black Taffeta Silks 50, 85c, $1.00, $1.35 a yard. Full stock of Black Satins, Peau de Sole, Faille and Gros Grain Silks.

This Men's Furnishing Department

New Upholsteries.

Gains new friends daily—fastidious friends. Yes, the men who are most particular about the style of their outfittings are the ones we aim to please Come this week, Mr. Critical: see what jaunty, dressy Neckwear we have gathered for you. The savings will surprise you—or we miss our guess.

The novel and desirable styles of Draperies, Plushes Portiers, Curtains and Covers for Spring house beautifying are filling in daily. They were selected with taste and knowledge, and will strongly appeal to lovers of the home beautiful. The "know how" of our artist is at your service also.

Puffs, Imperial Tecks, Four-in-Hand and String Ties.

200 pieces of New Matting to select from.

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We have just received a big line of new Braid at from 4c, 5c, 7c, 17c and up to 21c.

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Buttons of all kinds and prices.

Our Dress Goods are the largest we ever had, and our goods are up to date. We have all grades of new, nice goods to please you and save you money.

Our stock of Spring Gingham the best on the market at 10c; Silk Gingham at 31c; fine Check Gingham at 5c; nice Dress Ginghams at 6c.

Nice new Piques from 10 to 35c per yard.

A big line of Black Flannels from 20 to 45c, specially cheap.

Our Table Linen is a special attraction. Nice fine White Bleached Table Damask, 54 inches wide, at 20c, 25c and 35c up to $1.00 per yard.

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We have 300 pairs of Corsets to sell at and below cost. If you need a Corset come and see us; we will save you money.

In Shoes we are doing quite a nice business at bottom prices. Our Men Shoes at $1.00 are very pretty, but we have them from $1.00 to $4.00 a pair.

We handle Children Shoes for 18c to $1.00 a pair. Women Shoes from 50c to $3.00 a pair.

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